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Applicant : Martin E. Kordes, et al. )  
Serial No. : 09/682,151 )  
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For : CONTACT METHOD FOR THIN ) Art Unit: 2815  
SILICON CARBIDE EPITAXIAL )  
LAYER AND SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICES FORMED BY THOSE )  
METHODS )

### AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
**MS: AMENDMENT**  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 12 May 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on 12 August 2004, which period has been extended to expire on 12 September 2004 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment and Response.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY FIRST CLASS MAIL (37 CFR 1.8)**Applicant(s): **Keith D. Jamison and Michael L. Kempel**

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